

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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**April 6, 2004**

**FROM: PATRICK J. MEAD**, Interim Director  
Department of Public Works - **Transportation**

**SUBJECT: CONTRACT WITH NEW WEST SIGNAL FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC  
SIGNALS ON RIDGECREST ROAD AT HIGH CREST STREET / PEBBLE  
BEACH DRIVE IN THE SPRING VALLEY LAKE AREA**

**RECOMMENDATION:** (1) Consent to the request of TDS Engineering to be relieved from their bid on the Spring Valley Lake traffic signal project in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 5103, (2) Award a contract to New West Signal of Fontana in the amount of \$138,444 for the installation of traffic signals on Ridgcrest Road at High Crest Street / Pebble Beach Drive in the Spring Valley Lake Area; (3) Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute changes in the contract for a total amount not to exceed \$13,844 in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 20142 and; (4) Authorize the Director of Public Works to execute the Notice of Completion after acceptance of the work.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Traffic counts at the intersection of Ridgcrest Road and High Crest Street / Pebble Beach Drive indicate that a traffic signal is warranted. Accordingly, the Department developed plans for a project to install traffic signals, appropriate striping and curb returns with handicap ramps at this intersection.

On July 29, 2003 the Board approved the plans and specifications and authorized advertising for bids for this project. Four (4) bid proposals were received on February 12, 2004 ranging from \$119,853 to \$158,748. The lowest bid was by TDS Engineering at \$119,853 followed by New West Signal at \$138,444 and Steiny & Company at \$158,277. The engineer's estimate was \$100,886. TDS Engineering has requested relief from their bid in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 5103 due to a mistake that made their bid materially different than they intended it to be. The mistake was made in filling out the bid and not due to error in judgement or to carelessness in inspecting the site of the work. The request was made in writing within the time allowed by the Code. Department staff has reviewed the remaining proposals received and determined that they are responsive. Public Contract Code Sections 5100 to 5107 provide for relief of the low bidder and award of the contract to the second lowest bidder and Public Contract Code Section 20142 allows the Board to authorize the Director of Public Works to order changes in the contract should they become necessary in the future. Following Board approval, construction should commence in late April and be completed by the end of May 2004.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS:** This item was reviewed and approved by Chief Deputy County Counsel Rex A. Hinesley (387-5480) on March 25, 2004 and by the County Administrative Office (Tom Forster, Administrative Analyst, 387-4635) on March 26, 2004.

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**CONTRACT WITH NEW WEST SIGNAL FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS  
ON RIDGECREST ROAD AT HIGH CREST STREET/PEBBLE BEACH DRIVE IN THE  
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**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** The cost of this contract is \$138,444. The total cost of the project including this contract, design, construction engineering and overhead costs is estimated at \$198,000. Appropriations for this cost are available in the Fiscal Year 2003/2004 Transportation Budget (SAA-TRA-TRA-17HF0027). The project is a Federal-aid project in cooperation with the City of Victorville in accordance with Agreement No. 03-1158 approved by the Board on November 12, 2003. In accordance with the agreement, \$135,000 will be reimbursed by Federal Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) Funds and the remaining cost will be shared equally, about \$31,500 each, by the City of Victorville and the County.

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this item and concurs with the Department's recommendation based on the need for these improvements to enhance traffic circulation and public safety at the intersection of Ridgcrest Road and High Crest Street / Pebble Beach Drive. The project is funded by City of Victorville funds, Federal HES funds and dedicated County road funds and has no impact on the County General Fund.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** 1<sup>st</sup>

**PRESENTER:** Patrick J. Mead, 387-7916

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